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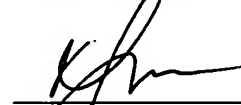
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Copies of 4 German patents and 1 PCT international application, with English translations, are enclosed. In addition, copies of 1 Dutch patent and 2 United Kingdom patents are enclosed. Also, a copy of the search report of the European Patent Office is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence

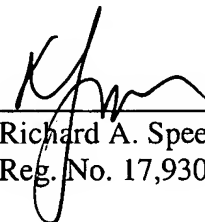
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